



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nations largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nations registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Nurses Association celebrates the week of May 6-12 as Nurse Week 2002 with the theme "Nurses Care for America", in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dirk Kempthorne, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 6 through 12, 2002, to be

NURSES WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this second day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.


DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR



PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE